

The Road to Resurrection

Luke 9:51-62

I. Resolve for the Road (9:51)

Jesus' Resolve (51)

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

II. Rejection on the Road (9:52-56)

The Samaritan Rejection (52-53)

⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³ But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

The Disciples' Response (54)

⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

Jesus' Rebuke (55-56)

⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ And they went on to another village.

III. Requirements of the Road (9:57-62)

Requirement 1: No Home In This World (57-58)

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

Requirement 2: No Delaying Discipleship (59-60)

⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Requirement 3: No Looking Back (61-62)

⁶¹ Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."